A person will become obedient and submissive to Allah if he recite it excessively - Al Hisnul Hasin

71. AL-MUQADDIM (THE EXPEDITER)

"Allah brings forward whom He wills according to His wisdom, not human calculation. Often those who seek prominence are left behind, while those who seek only His pleasure are brought forward."

- Ibn Ata'Allah al-Iskandari (d. 1309 CE)
Source: "Kitab al-Hikam"
(Book of Wisdom)

If read continuously while the Jihaad is in progress, Allah Ta'ala will give its reader protection and courage (to advance into the ranks of the enemy), Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

72. Al-Mu'akhkhir (The Delayer)

"What appears as delay is often protection. Allah's postponement is not denial but perfect timing according to His knowledge of what you cannot see."

- Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi (1219-1286 CE)
Source: Recorded in Ibn Ata'Allah's "Lata'if al-Minan"

The frequent reciter of this Beautiful Name of Allah will soon resort to sincere repentance. To draw closer to Allah it should be recited 100 times daily - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

Ml.Moosa Kajee

AL-MUQADDIM ﷻ, AL-MUAKHKHIR ﷻ (THE CAUSER OF ADVANCEMENT ﷻ, THE DEFERER OF ABILITY ﷻ)

Al-Muqaddim ﷻ is that Being who places everything on its position. He ﷻ advances whatever He wishes and defers whatever He wishes. He ﷻ determined predestination before creating the creation. He ﷻ grants preference to those whom He loves from His friends over His other servants. Al-Muqaddim ﷻ is that Being who grants high ranks. He ﷻ made the ambiyaa ﷺ His select servants, by bringing them closer and guiding them. Al-Muakhkhir ﷻ is that Being who dislodges from high ranks, and He ﷻ disgraced His enemies by distancing them.

These two names are mentioned in the following duaa:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْلِيْ مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَسْرَفْتُ وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّيْ أَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّمُ أَنْتَ الْمُؤَخِّرُ لَا إِلٰـهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O Allaah, forgive me for those sins which I committed in the past, and which I will commit in the future; those sins which I have openly committed and those which I have committed in secret; those actions in which I have exceeded the bounds; as well as those sins which only You know. You are Al-Muqaddim and Al-Muakhkhir, there is none worthy of worship besides You. (Muslim)

Advancing and deferring are from the intrinsic qualities (*sifaat-dhaatiyya*) of Allaah's ﷻ Being, which is according to His pleasure, wisdom and desire.

Allaah ﷻ makes close those whom He wishes and keeps at a distance those whom He ﷻ wishes. Whoever Allaah ﷻ takes forward, and draws him close to the truth, then such a person will attain the highest ranks; and whomsoever Allaah ﷻ distances from the truth, then He ﷻ throws him into the pit of disgrace.

At times, these qualities refer to the fact that Allaah ﷻ advances or postpones the conception of certain creation; whilst at other times, it refers to the fact that He precedes or defers the honour and status of certain creation. Therefore, at times, certain things are created first and hold a high status. At times, certain things are created first, but hold a lower status than those created after. At times, things are created at a later stage, but precede those created before with regards to honour, respect and greatness. For example, Nabi ﷺ was sent last into the world (from the Ambiyaa), but is the greatest in status. Man was created after many of the other creations, but Allaah ﷻ granted man virtue over them. Iblees was created before many of the other creation, but he is the worst of all.

Allaah ﷻ states,

لَا يُسْاَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ يُسْئَلُوْنَ

He cannot be questioned about that which He does, but they will be questioned. (Ambiyaa)

Allaah ﷻ advances those whom He ﷻ wishes by bringing them close to His mercy; and He ﷻ defers those who He ﷻ wishes, by distancing them from His mercy. This quality of His bringing near and distancing is unique. Every atom of this universe attests to this quality of Al-Muqaddim ﷻ and Al-Muakhkhir ﷻ.

It has been narrated, that when Iblis was banished from Jannah, then Jibraaeel عليه السلام and Mikaaeel عليه السلام began crying. Allaah ﷻ asked them, "Why are you crying?" They relied, "O our Sustainer! We are afraid of Your Decision." Allaah ﷻ said, "Remain like this. Do not be unafraid of My (ﷻ) Decisions. None are unafraid of the planning of Allaah ﷻ except the disbelieving people." (Kitaabul-Azamat)